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SUBJECT: FISHING/SHRIMPING IN SIERRA LEONE

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1. UPON RECENT RETURN TO U.S. BY BRUCE SIDWELL, PRESIDENT OF CONTINENTAL SEAFOOD, OPIC RELAYED RELEVANT PORTIONS OF REFTEL TO HIM. HE WOULD LIKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 23 TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. IF APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED, OPIC WILL RELAY THIS INFORMATION TO SIDWELL.

2. NOT WISHING TO PUT ALL EGGS IN ONE BASKET, OPIC HAS CONVEYED TO SEVERAL OTHER U.S. FISHING/SHRIMPING CONCERNS EMBASSY'S MESSAGE THAT THE PRESENT IS A GOOD TIME TO LOOK AT FISHING AND SHRIMPING OPPORTUNITIES IN SIERRA LEONE.
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SPECIFICALLY, HUGO BRIDGES OF TRADEWINDS CO., A DIVISION

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OF W.R. GRACE & CO., HAS INFORMED OPIC THAT HE BELIEVES
THAT A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN/SHRIMPER NAMED STOKLEY HOLLAND,
WHO HAD BEEN BASED IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS,IS LOOKING FOR A
NEW BASE AND WOULD LOOK AT SIERRA LEONE. OPIC KNOWS
NOTHING ABOUT HOLLAND NOR THE SIZE OF HIS FLEET. ROBERT
SESSLER, WHO WITH A PARTNER OPERATES A SHRIMPING OPERATION
FROM MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN

INVESTIGATING OPPORTUNITIES IN SIERRA LEONE, AS WELL AS
OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES. AGAIN NO INVESTIGATION HAS
BEEN MADE INTO HIS RESOURCES. KISSINGER

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